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UNO gains its first Latina sorority

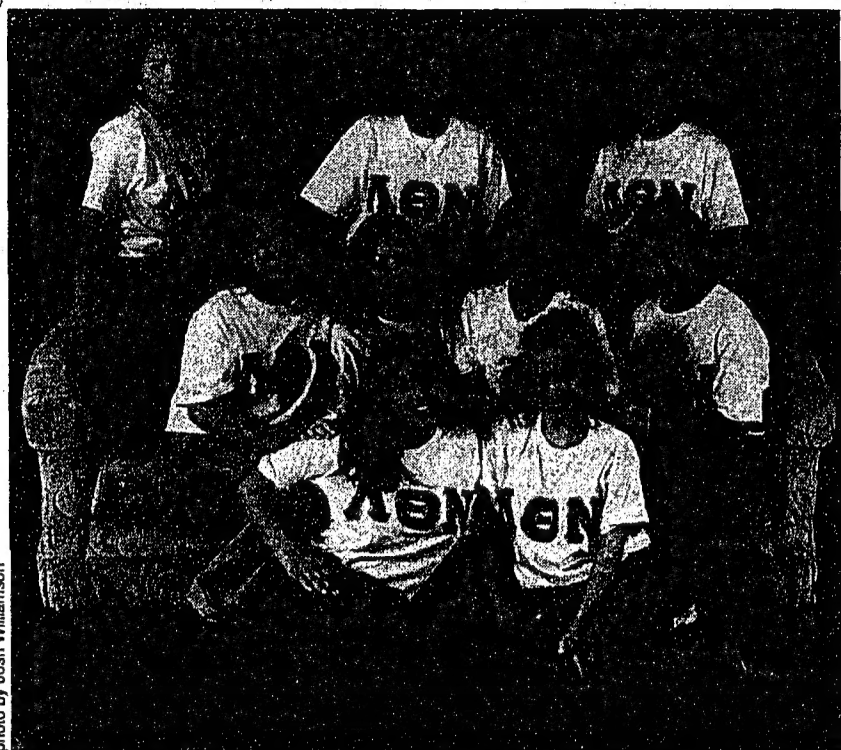


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(left to right) Back: Maria Mayorga, Angela Burson. Middle: Adriana Pina, Monica Mora, Joey DeLoa Davis, Yessenia Diaz. Front: Anadelia Lamas, Noemi Longoria. Not pictured: Sona James

Samantha Harvey

In November the UNO campus and greek system welcomed the Omicron chapter of Lambda Theta Nu Sorority, which is the first Latina sorority in Nebraska.

"It's quite a privilege, but at the same time it's a big responsibility to have to set the foundation of Latina greek," said Anadelia Lamas, founding member.

Monica Mora, president of Lambda Theta Nu, said the sorority began after former Multicultural Affairs Specialist Melissa Saenz suggested the idea to several Latina students.

Mora then researched different sororities and after visiting and receiving information from Lambda Theta Nu, she began the process of developing the sorority on UNO's campus. A little over a year later the sorority became official.

The 10 members of the sorority have already gained attention from the local media. On Jan. 1, WOWT Channel 6 aired

a story on the sorority's first fundraiser. The sorority members sold 92 dozen enchiladas at \$15 a dozen.

They are currently planning future fundraisers including a Valentine's Day dance to raise money to attend the Lambda Theta Nu national convention, which is in Chica, Calif.

"Everybody has been really supportive," Mora said about the donation of items to help with the fundraisers.

The sorority intends to help Latina women focus on higher education.

"Latinos have the highest drop-out rate in high school, so not that many make it to college," Mora said. "We want to be able to help people once they do make it to college to stay and to make good grades."

For more information on the Omicron chapter of Lambda Theta Nu contact Student Organizations and Leadership Programs at 554-2711, or Lanyce Keel, sorority adviser, at 554-2578.

Scott foundation donates \$7 million technology center

Melissa Kucirek

An area once used as a horse racetrack will now house a symbol for the pursuit of developed industry in Omaha and in the state of Nebraska. Construction on UNO's south campus business technology center has begun, with an estimated cost of \$7 million.

The Suzanne and Walter Scott Foundation is providing funding for construction and maintenance costs.

Businesses involved with the program occupy the applied business research/technology transfer facility and undergo direct involvement with the university. Such companies will be able to move into the building and develop a research relationship with the Peter Kiewit Institute of Technology or with other programs in the University of Nebraska system.

Faculty members and students will utilize the program for internship purposes. Executive Director of the Kiewit Institute's board of policy advisers Winnie Callahan said student internships are only one aspect of the program.

"We're hoping to attract a variety of businesses — from large well-known companies like IBM to smaller developing companies," Callahan said.

The new building, which hasn't yet been named, will focus on three main levels of industry.

"The first are well-known companies," Callahan said. "The second are what I call mezzanine companies — these are not brand-new, but need a place to continue to grow. The third are smaller companies."

Among the industries expected to be interested are telecommunications, engineering, biomedical technology and information technology.

Interest has been shown already from several companies. Callahan said it's too premature to name specific corporations.

"Cooperate giants such as IBM and Sun Microsystems have shown interest and are asking questions," Callahan said.

UNO Career Center Director Nancy Nish said students will be getting a first-hand look at both work experience and classroom curriculum.

"It will be a great opportunity to apply what we call application phase," Nish said. "It will definitely be exciting."

Expected completion of the project has been set for late-November or early December 2001. The 60,000-square-foot building is being erected on the on the area near 67th and Pacific Streets. Southeast to the area is PKI.

Scott Residence Hall and the adjoining Scott Conference Center are located two blocks east of PKI.

UNO's football team occasionally used the grassy area, which is north of the Aksarben grandstand, for practices. The UNO women's soccer team competes in home matches at the Aksarben field adjacent to the area.

The new building won't take away area from the athletic teams.

"It won't bother our situation," Assistant Athletic Director Cherri Mankenberg said. "Any time a new building is being built on campus, we're excited."

Callahan stressed the new technology center is stepping-ground for the entire state — not just UNO — to benefit from its geographical position.

"It's a tremendous opportunity for Omaha and the state of Nebraska," Callahan said.

'It's a tremendous opportunity for Omaha and the state of Nebraska'

- Winnie Callahan

UNO remembers 30-year employee Roger Brewer

Melissa Kucirek



courtesy photo circa 1991

Roger Brewer, 30-year university employee, passed away Dec. 16 at the age of 53.

His co-workers remember him as a generous and respectful man.

He chose to remain in an office meant to be a supply closet.

Students have missed him while buying their books this year.

Longtime UNO Bookstore manager Roger H. Brewer died Dec. 16 at the age of 53. He had been exercising at the School of Health, Physical Education and Recreation center.

UNO lost an alumnus, a co-worker and a friend.

Cause of death has not been determined at this time.

"He was the perfect boss," said Mary Circo, who worked with Brewer for six years. "He was very easy to get along with. It was a pleasure to do a task for him."

UNO Bookstore manager Mike Schmidt

remembered his friend and co-worker of 30 years going the extra mile to get a student something as simple as a pen-ink refill.

"He was just a nice man. You couldn't find a nicer person," Schmidt said.

Brewer began working at the bookstore while attending UNO's College of Education. After his 1970 graduation, Brewer took a job as a sixth grade teacher at Jefferson Elementary School, but left after six months.

"Classroom discipline wasn't for him," Schmidt said.

As general merchandise manager, Brewer's responsibilities included everything from buying pens and notebooks to computers and class rings. Once a week he had closing duties.

"He was very dependable," Schmidt said. "You could set your watch to him, and he'd be walking in the door."

Circo and Margaret Milone, who worked with Brewer for three years, both remember joking with Brewer about the area they worked in being theirs and theirs alone.

"It's our own little world," Milone said. "If we didn't know the answer to a computer question, we would stumble on the answer. We would look through all the catalogs until we found the right thing."

"It was like we were a family," Circo said. Brewer's involvement with the day-to-day operations of the store is still felt. Sales representatives calling the store have asked for Brewer, only to be told he is no longer there.

"They're speechless," Milone said. "They have been sending flowers and cards."

Circo mentioned that a former UNO professor recently stopped in the store to say

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HPER staff commended for life-saving action

Melissa Kucirek

The staff at UNO's school of Health, Physical Education and Recreation received a commendation from Omaha Fire and Rescue for its life-saving attempt on Dec. 16.

Trying to revive UNO employee Roger H. Brewer, the staff used the building's defibrillator for the first time. Despite attempts, Brewer died at the age of 53.

Director of Campus Recreation Joe Kaminski said the defibrillator's was purchased last year.

"You purchase it and hope you never have to use it," Kaminski said. "Unfortunately the result is something that we didn't want to happen, but at least we know our emergency plan does work."

Kaminski's professional staff of six and graduate staff of five are all trained to use the defibrillator. All of the building's managers are being trained for its use.

"I am confident we have someone in the building at all times that is trained to use it," Kaminski said.

Paramedics on the scene Dec. 16, as well as Kaminski, mentioned the outstanding work of the trainers and staff of HPER.

"We received a commendation for our efforts," Kaminski said. "The fact that [Omaha Fire and Rescue] took the time to call back is encouraging."

In addition to HPER's machine, other

defibrillators are located on UNO's campus including one in the athletic training office, one in the office of student health services, one in University Library and three at Campus Security.

"Campus security has two in its vehicles and one in the office," Manager of Support Services Stan Schleifer said. "And we are planning on placing one at the Peter Kiewit Institute in late January."

Schleifer said UNO's defibrillators are the product of Chancellor Nancy Belck's cabinet.

"Because of the authorization of the chancellor's cabinet we are able to have these defibrillators, which run at around \$3,000 each," Schleifer said. "Training comes from the American Red Cross and each trainee must have received CPR certification first."

Schleifer estimated 20 UNO security members have the ability to use the defibrillators, while University Library has five trained staff members.

Marcia Adler, UNO Health Services coordinator, says the defibrillator machine is easy to use, with a built-in computer giving step-by-step instructions.

"Furthermore, most people don't know that CPR can result in brain injury or residual damage," Adler said. "With the defibrillator, the success rate is much higher — though I would still encourage all students to take CPR classes."

IWCC rejects bid for The River

Brandon Clogston

The River is still afloat.

On Dec. 20, the Iowa Community College Board of Trustees voted to turn down all offers to sell its college-based radio station KIWR 89.7-FM The River.

The River is Omaha and Council Bluffs' alternative programming station. The radio station first began programming in January of 1996. The River differs from other area stations because it is a public station, airing no commercials except those of its own. The station, which broadcasts from the campus of Iowa Western Community College, gives radio broadcasting students hands-on experience by running the station. The staff at the River believes these characteristics make it fresh, unique and truly one of a kind.

The radio station recently gained publicity over a threat of new ownership. On Nov. 21, the Iowa Community Board of Trustees agreed to accept bids for the station, valued at an estimated \$4.5 million. A group interested in buying the station was represented by a brokerage firm from Arizona.

KIWR's General Manager Vicki Jacoba said the interested group didn't make an offer.

"They were just thinking of the idea of buying the station," Jacoba said.

When listeners heard of The River's uncertain future, they began writing letters, holding rallies and even writing editorials and letters to the Omaha World-Herald's Public Pulse demanding The River keep its current programming.

Due to the huge public outcry, Jacoba believes the firm interested in buying the station was scared off.

Calvary Satellite Network of California showed interest in buying KIWR. Calvary Satellite Network is formatted in religious-based programming.

Calvary offered just over \$300,000.

KIOS Station Manager Wil Perry believes monetary value is why The River wasn't sold.

"If the college was made an offer of something around one million," Perry said, "there is no way they could have said no."

Students are pleased that the Omaha area still has an alternative-formatted radio station.

"I listen to the station because it plays a different variety than that of some of our area's other stations," UNO student Nick Ferando said. "It's not so repetitive."

News Notes

• Marunda/Wright to be sworn in

UNO's Student President/Regent-elect Will Marunda and

VicePresident-elect Adam Wright will be sworn into office Jan. 11.

The inauguration ceremony will be held at noon in the Nebraska Room of the Milo Bail Student Center.

The ceremony is open to the public, and students and faculty are encouraged to attend.

• Three students pass away

Three UNO students passed away over the winter break.

Duke Shieh, a sophomore in the College of Engineering, died on Dec. 11. He was 20.

Karen S. Fields, a senior in the College of Fine Arts, died on Dec. 17. She was 45 years old.

College of Continuing Studies student Fred Ludwig died on Dec. 21. He was 63.

• Rising star to perform

Soprano Danielle de Niese will appear at the Strauss Performing Arts Center as part of the Ecoutez! Artist series Jan. 20.

De Niese, a Lindemann Young Artist at the Metropolitan Opera, performs songs by Wolf, Barber and Debussy. She is accompanied by Ken Noda, an accomplished concert pianist.

De Niese debuted at the New York Philharmonic in September, performing in "A Midsummer Night's Dream" under the direction of Kurt Masur.

"This is an exceptional opportunity to see a rising star in opera," said Jamie Reimer, public relations coordinator for the College of Fine Arts.

The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. and tickets are \$15. Students are admitted free with identification. Phone reservations are recommended. For more information call 554-3427.

Predictions for the year 2001

column by Divad M. Noshhoj

We are lucky indeed to have with us Divad. M Noshhoj, one of the world's most renown psychotics, who is here to give us his predictions for the year 2001. (Editor's note — do not try this at home. He is a professional on a closed course.)

1. No one will ever again name their son Chad.

2. William Shatner's reputation will take an even steeper plunge when priceline.com changes from a rock to a farm animal format.

3. Hoping to raise sagging public opinion ratings, President George W. Bush enters the U.S. into a military war he knows he can win. On Feb. 16, 2001, the United States Marine Corps invade Iceland.

4. The weather that caused the snowiest December and the second coldest December on record in Omaha continues for three more months as frigid Arctic blasts scrape the heartland. Al Gore blames global warming.

5. NBC's spring television lineup

will replace Sominex as the doctor's No. 1-recommended sleep aid.

6. A huge asteroid will destroy the city of Cleveland in June. No one will notice until September.

7. On her first day as senator of New York, Hillary Clinton announces her plans to pay off the national debt by selling Rhode Island to the Japanese. "Who's gonna miss it?" she states.

8. Tired of one losing season after another, Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones sells the team to Imelda Marcos. She moves the franchise to the Philippines where she changes its name to the Manila Folders.

9. Dennis Miller and Dan Fouts will be replaced in the Monday Night Football booth by Gallagher and a watermelon. Ratings soar.

10. Hurricane Jesse hits the southern tip of Florida destroying 600 polling stations and most of the state's voting booths. Cheers from Floridian voters can be heard as far north as Virginia.



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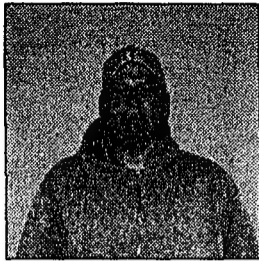


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What is your New Year's resolution for 2001?

photo poll by Samantha Harvey



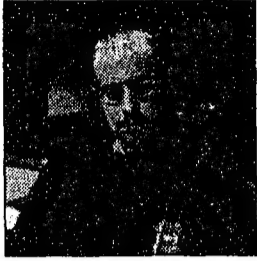
Erik Wilkins
senior

"To get a 4.0 for my last semester."



Deborah Radloff
junior

"My resolution is to use the word 'sexy' more often."



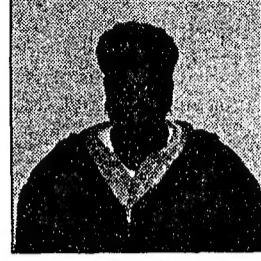
Joel Richter
senior

"My New Year's resolutions are to quit smoking, graduate finally and to establish myself in the aviation industry."



Margaret Udomratana
junior

"This year my resolution will be I am not going to be called 'Josie Grossie' anymore."



Rosalyn Cotton
graduate student

"To finish school by this summer and to work on other goals and objectives I would like to achieve by the time of graduation."

Ten things you may not know about Omaha (and its people)

Volume 1

David M. Johnson

1. Where does the word "Omaha" come from? The Omaha Indians were once part of the Quapan tribe who had moved from the Ohio River Valley to the St. Louis area. That tribe split. Those who moved north were called "Omahas," which means "against the current."
2. Today marks the 118th anniversary of the first electric service: Nebraska Power Company — now OPPD.
3. The coldest day in Omaha history was Jan. 5, 1884, when the mercury hit -32 degrees — without wind chill.
4. Before it was the DoubleTree Hotel at 16th and Dodge Streets, it was the Red Lion Inn. Before that it was the Hilton Hotel. At the top of the Hilton Hotel was a revolving bar. It turned once every 45 minutes, giving customers a panoramic view of the city without getting them too dizzy. A former employee tells me the mechanism for the revolving bar is still under the dance floor.
5. Secretaries flocked to The French Cafe in the 1970s for lunch. Not only was the food great (still is), but local boutiques often held lingerie and fashions shows there between noon and 1 p.m.
6. Omaha's own Louis "Chip" Davis of Mannheim Steamroller fame won the 1976 Country Music Writer of the Year award for his work on C.W. McCall's "Black Bear Road" album. Davis wrote and played drums on that album which featured the multi-million dollar seller "Convoy."
7. The famed heavyweight boxing champion Max Baer was born in Omaha on Feb. 4, 1911. His son, Max Baer Jr., was Jethro on the television series "Beverly Hillsbillies."
8. The first real saloon in Omaha was "The Big Six" on 13th and Cass Streets (1854).
9. The A.K. Riley Building on 10th and Douglas Streets is noted for the preservation of original artwork and signage as well as the newer (1980s) artwork. Adorning the north side of the building, along with "Ribbel Paper and Woodenware Co.," "Metz, Omaha's Favorite Beer," "Omaha and Environs" and "Painless Dentistry" is a piece of sheet music, three stories tall. It is Beethoven's Ninth Symphony.
10. Chuck Roberts, afternoon anchor at CNN Headlines News, was a television news anchor in Omaha in the 1970s.

Brewer, from page 1

hello to Brewer. After Circo and Milone informed him of Brewer's death, the man became visibly shaken.

"He said, 'I have to leave now,'" Circo said. "And this was a man who just came in to say hi to Rog."

Schmidt recalled Brewer leaving the bookstore at around 1:30 p.m. Dec. 16. He had wanted to work out before a planned evening celebration.

An athlete participating in UNO's invitational swim meet discovered Brewer and immediately asked for help from two UNO athletic trainers.

"The trainers checked his vital signs and administered CPR," Director of Campus Recreation Joe Kaminski said. "The front office was then notified and a member of our professional staff used the defibrillator. Omaha

Rescue was called immediately."

Besides his long commitment to the university bookstore, Brewer enjoyed gardening and landscaping.


"He loved his house and garden," Circo said. "He had real talent for decorating. Roger was a very humble person."

Proceeding Brewer in death were his parents W. Henry and Bertha, and sister Dolores. In addition to numerous cousins, aunts Grace Allbee and Virginia McIver survive Brewer.

Services were held Dec. 20 at Roeder Mortuary Chapel.

"He is already missed very much," Circo said. "The job can be replaced, but no way could we dream of replacing someone like him."

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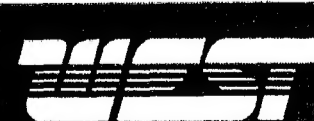
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"I'm sorry, we don't prescribe birth control."

UNO's contraceptive policy discriminates against women

Gateway Staff Editorial

UNO is the only University of Nebraska campus where women are prohibited from obtaining prescriptions for birth control such as the pill or Depo Provera.

Many female students are dismayed to discover this when they go to Student Health Services for a prescription after a Pap test.

They are surprised because despite the fact that UNO Student Health offers

an impressive array of services for little or no cost to patients, it cannot do something as simple as prescribe birth control. Immunizations, STD and other communicable disease testing, emergency care such as sutures, an over-the-counter pharmacy cabinet, as well as other primary care services are available to every UNO student with a current student I.D.

Pregnancy testing is even available to women who must avail themselves of this service. But should a sexually active female student choose to take a more proactive approach toward her reproductive health, the apologetic answer of Student Health Services is "We are sorry ... prescriptive contraception is not available."

However, both the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and the University of Nebraska at Kearney offer prescription contraceptive services to their students. Both clinics require only a current Pap test and routine physician's examination to provide services.

UNO Student Health offers the Pap test for a small lab fee of \$15-\$20, with no charge for the health professional's visit. It shouldn't be difficult to get out a prescription pad and jot down a prescription at that time.

Unfortunately, UNO's rotating staff

Our position: UNO's health policy against prescribing contraception discriminates against the reproductive health of female students.

physicians and nurses do not have sufficient gynecological backgrounds to comfortably write the prescriptions. This lack of basic primary care sends patients off campus, nailing uninsured pocketbooks for anywhere from \$30 at Planned Parenthood to over \$100 at private clinics.

The Women's Resource Center, an office within a stone's throw of Student Health in the Milo Bail Student Center, has a cache of condoms freely available. Unfortunately, it cannot offer the female condoms freely — they cost \$1 each across the hall at Student Health.

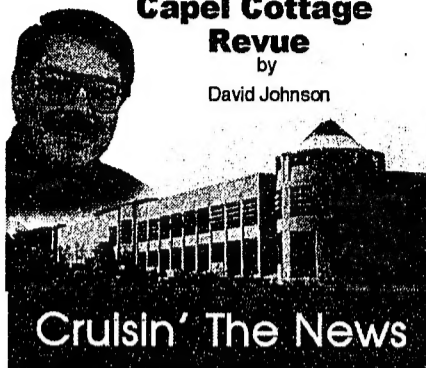
Student Health Services is funded by student fees, which all students must pay regardless of their use of the facilities. While student fees at the other NU campuses are higher, the services available to those students are much more all-encompassing. Orthopedists, allergists and dermatologists are only a few of the host of specialists at UNK and UNL, and they have full-service prescription pharmacies. In comparison, UNO can offer little more than emergency care.

Especially considering the changing face of the university with the addition of residence halls, UNO's health care policies have to be updated to better serve the needs of the current student population.

UNO students, whether they live in the dormitories or not, spend a great deal of time on campus, with the nearest and most convenient health care provider being Student Health Services. Rather than minimally meeting needs with a bowl of condoms in Milo Bail, UNO should step up alongside its fellow campuses and offer the proper contraceptive tools to its young women, helping them to make better, well-educated decisions with regard to their reproductive health.

Capel Cottage Revue

by David Johnson



Roofer Madness

Dr. David Lewis believes he has found a solution for road rage: plant grass on the dash, roof and floor boards of your car, then drive bare-footed. He says a driver's heart rate and blood pressure can both be lowered by a tranquil environment of soft country grass. If you think he's crazy, read this — Mike Moran, commercial director of Toyota, says his company will make a car model that comes complete with a patch of grass, watering can, and grass-scented spray.

The grass is always greener over the gas pedal.

If You Thought Reading A French Menu Was Difficult Before ...

Now that mad cow disease has ravaged beef herds throughout Europe, French chefs are turning to alternate sources of meat to satisfy their customers. On the menus of fine restaurants in Nice, France are ostrich, bison and horse. "Bison is amazing, it melts in the mouth," butcher Georges Mateu said. "Ostrich is a little bit different, somewhere between horse and beef. I recommend making it with a green pepper sauce."

Yeah, but what wine goes with the other, other, other white meat?

But Mom, You Don't Cook Like Hardees

According to the Food Foundation, only 15 percent of families sit down for a home meal every day, and just 24 percent of families eat together more than once a week. The best meal for togetherness appears to be breakfast, where 30 percent of families eat at the same table.

This is shocking! When I was growing up, my sister and I ate every meal at home with our parents. Of course, using a fork while being handcuffed to the table was a little difficult.

Dr. Johnson At Your Cervix, I'm Dialated To Meet You

Doctors at Ardana Bioscience in

Edinburgh, Scotland, have developed a drug they believe will reduce the time a woman is in labor from an average of 18 hours (for a first child) to only two hours. Forty women will be tested next summer and, if successful, the drug will be on the market in five years. "Whether mothers will use this drug depends on the individual," Dr. Edith Hillan said. "Many, given the choice, will be grateful."

That's great news. Now, instead of us husbands having to miss a whole day of ESPN, we'll only miss, maybe, three-quarters of one game.

Finally, A Good Scientific Excuse

Researchers at the Institute of Longevity in Japan claim booze will make you smarter. According to a report released in the *New Scientist* magazine, a survey showed men who drank the equivalent of two beers or four glasses of wine a day had an IQ 3.3 points higher than those who did not drink at all. Women given the same test scored 2.5 points higher. The group believes chemicals known as polyphenols, which are found in booze, can stimulate intelligence.

Gosh, if two beers a day will raise your IQ 3.3 points, imagine who smart Ted Kennedy must be.

And That's The Udder Truth

Dr. Chandra Wichramasinghe, Professor of Astronomy at the University of Wales, and Dr. Sir Fred Hoyle, Professor of Astronomy at Cambridge University, told an audience last month they believe mad cow disease may have come from outer space. "Bacteria from passing comets entered the Earth's atmosphere, descending through the stratosphere in winter and fell to the ground. Cows then became infected by eating the bacteria lying on the grass. We believe the almost unique Welsh and English practice of out-wintering cattle explains why BSE hits more severely here."

There must be a hole in the moo-zone layer.

Nutty Drivers

Dr. Murat Dogru of the University of Newcastle believes he has discovered one answer to the upcoming fuel shortage — burn hazelnuts in your car. "Hazelnuts could produce the hydrogen needed to generate an electric current for hybrid cars," Dogru wrote. "Turkey, the world's biggest producer of hazelnuts, would produce enough hydrogen to allow 1,000 proto-type BMWs to travel 20,190 miles each."

Shoot. Well, I guess no one will want my cashew-lytic converter now.



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Joy to the World

by
Erin Joy



Minton's legacy

Nothing is ever lost. It is in orbit. Things may stay in orbit for years, but eventually they do land and are found—Shirley Minton

Lost

There are some teachers whose influence remains with their students forever. These teachers, seldom celebrated, inspire the people they teach more than they usually know.

When I was at her funeral almost two years ago, I wished I had told Shirley Minton just what her guidance meant to me. I sat with about 2,000 other mourners who probably wanted to do the same thing.

Mrs. Minton, better known as simply "Minton," was the most popular person among students and teachers in Papillion-LaVista High School. She was known for her bright smile, her love of Nebraska Cornhusker football, her fabulous cooking and her gifted teaching.

To pay off what she called "a bargain made with God," Minton wore red clothing every day in 1995 after the Huskers won the national championship.

Whether it was for Husker tailgating, a faculty get-together or a newspaper/yearbook party, no one will ever forget Minton's cooking. Her dishes were the first to go and the longest remembered. From her famous meatballs to her dirt cake, Minton's touch and presence made the celebration.

And she loved to throw a party. It was right before her 50th birthday when she passed away, but instead of having a party thrown for her, Minton was planning to make 50 dishes to share with 50 friends. That's just the way she was.

And that's why losing her was so difficult for everyone.

In Orbit

One of my visits to Minton was during my sophomore year in college. I had changed my major from journalism to English, and I could tell she was disappointed to hear it. She had been so sure I was going to be a reporter.

It was the last chance I had to speak with her. Soon after, she had the tragic accident.

At Minton's funeral, I realized I was missing more than her. My life was missing the journalism her teaching had made me love. And so began my work at the Gateway.

Found

Minton's legacy lives on here in more ways than one. Advertising Manager Michaela Bottcher, Arts and Leisure Editor Rae Licari and Senior Staff Writer Brian Brashaw are all students whose enthusiasm for the newspaper environment began in her chaotic, but delightful, journalism room. And their experiences were not unique — countless other students have gone on to things they might not have if it wasn't for her.

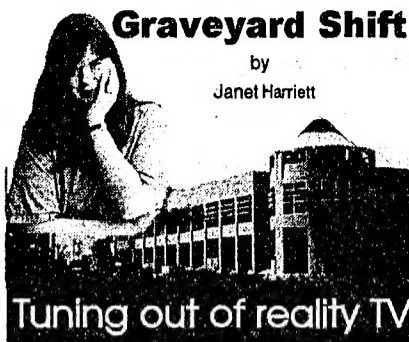
Through her students, Minton's teaching continues to color the world in places both near and far.

One of those places is in my heart. Because of that, her influence will be seen in the pages of the Gateway over the semester.

Minton was absolutely right — nothing is ever lost, not even the people we love. We think they're lost, but they're really in orbit. After mourning, finding them is as simple as remembering their lives and valuing the memories and lessons they left us with.

Graveyard Shift

by
Janet Harriett



Tuning out of reality TV

Tomorrow Fox will debut the latest in reality TV programming, proving it can top the "Who Wants to Marry a Millionaire" fiasco. This time, "Temptation Island" sends four unmarried couples "at a crossroads in their relationships" to an island with 26 singles looking for love. The committed people are set up on dates with three singles who "best reflect their ideal mates."

At the end of two weeks, there is no million-dollar prize. The couples just get to decide if they really want to stay together.

This is far from the first program to show us the demise of real world relationships. It isn't even the first to actively try to break couples up by setting them up with people who, on paper, look better than their current mates. Even the island angle has been done before. In short, no one should be surprised when someone decided to put those elements into the same show.

So the question remains, why is watching relationships disintegrate entertaining? In the past, people assumed

that the only way to be happy was to be involved. Now the singles are getting revenge by plotting ways to prove on national television that commitment is stifling and free and single is the only way to be. Breaking up couples is becoming a game, like legal cock fighting.

Though I think the concept is tasteless, I'm less concerned about the twisted psyche that finds sabotaging committed relationships entertaining. People are free to watch whatever they find enjoyable, whether that be the unhappiness of others, sitcoms or pornographic videos.

I'm not even concerned that someone thought to make a program like "Temptation Island." Television is a business and if the people who run that business think the program will be enjoyable to viewers and they can make money at it, they can do whatever they want. Those of us who find the premise disturbing can always watch one of the other hundreds of channels out there.

I am concerned that people think the way to test their commitment is to see if the grass really is greener in the singles bar. If the couples on "Temptation Island" think they are strong enough to withstand two weeks with people whose sole purpose for being there is to break them up, I wish them all the luck and happiness, and I hope they really are as strong as they think they are. But if they think dating around outside their relationship is the way to find out if they are with the right people, maybe they aren't ready for commitment.

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Lewis Black brings biting wit to the Funny Bone comedy club

review by Nicole Williamson

Are you starting to think we elected an idiot as president? Are you sick of the post-Christmas sales that go on until February? So is Lewis Black.

Black, "America's Foremost Commentator on Everything," began a weekend-long set of shows on Jan. 4 at the Funny Bone Comedy Club. The club, which is typically age 21 and over only, opened its doors to 18-year-olds due to the high demand for tickets. The Funny Bone's Colleen Quinn said because there was a huge demand for tickets from the college-age crowd, she decided to lower the age limit for the sold-out shows.

Mark Evans, a Minnesota comedian who has opened for the Beach Boys, preceded Black onstage. Evans was upbeat and a bit self-deprecating. His set praised Omaha for its abundance of thrift stores. I finally learned what a pancake jacket is. Apparently it is the kind of jacket that you see old men wearing at Village Inn when they eat pancakes alone. Evans looked stylish in his pancake jacket. He said he had finally made it big now that he had performed in a strip mall.

The tables were a bit tight because the show was sold out, so when the lady next to me got up, I couldn't help but notice her. She said to her companion, "I have to go to the bathroom before that one guy comes on."

"That one guy?" Come on lady, you came to this show, don't you know who you're seeing? The irritation just got me more excited for Black's set.

For those of you who don't know who Lewis Black is, he is a political commentator on "The Daily Show with Jon Stewart" on Comedy Central. As they say on the show, he reviews the week's events and if anything falls through the cracks, he picks it up for "Back in Black." He also has a

one-man comedy show, "Black Humor," which occasionally airs on Comedy Central.

Black has a unique style I always find hilarious. He delivers satire and anger with the power of a shotgun and uses his whole body to get his message across to you. I sometimes watch and wonder how he hasn't given himself a coronary yet.

Black said he hadn't had a chance to see Omaha, but that he did have a chance to go to Cub Foods and pray to items in the food aisles. He explained that in his hometown of Manhattan, N.Y., there are no grocery stores. He wanted to see frozen cows, but he came in the wrong year for that.

If Black did get a chance to see Omaha, I hope he saw all the horrendous Christmas light displays that are still up in Dundee and Regency. Perhaps it will give him more power for his assault on the commercialization of Christmas. Black focused a portion of his set on how he feels Jews are given the short end of the stick regarding holidays. He used post-Christmas sales and Christmas light displays as examples of how to gauge the amount of fun Christians are having. Black said he gave up on being a Jew over the top issue, the top of course being a dreidel.

Black cursed "The Daily Show" for making him go to all of the political shenanigans this fall. He said when he got the chance to meet Al Gore and shake his hand, he got out of the waiting line. He joked that he didn't have asthma before he went into that room, but he did when he left. Gore was inhuman and was "sucking the life right out of me."

He also took his acidic humor to George W. Bush, who was apparently too busy going to the gym to sit and watch the Supreme Court issue its verdict that gave him the presidency. Black said that should be an automatic



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Comedian Lewis Black performed shows at the Funny Bone comedy club Jan. 4-6. The shows sold out quickly due to Black's growing fan base. He is a weekly commentator on "The Daily Show with Jon Stewart" on Comedy Central.

revocation of the presidency, "I'm sorry sir, but you're too much of an asshole to be President."

Black did have a good alternate candidate lined up. He is Irish, his name is Phil O'Dendron and he has a very simple political platform. "I don't need much light; I don't need much water."

His CD, "Lewis Black's The White Album," is on sale online at Comedy Central's Web site.

CD Reviews

by Bobbie McCollum

i5 • "i5" (Giant)

My mom always told me, "if you don't have something nice to say then don't say anything at all." Lucky for you, I never listened. i5 is a bubble gum girl band made up of five girls from different countries. Clever? No, we've seen it before. That's right, I'm talking about those sassy British chicks, the Spice Girls. It's the same idea only with more countries and a different name. Well listen here, big record company guy, we fell for it once and we're not gonna fall for it again.

The songs are all boppy and uhhhhh! With titles like "Cinderella," "First Kiss" and "Best Friend," potential buyers should know what they're in for. The songs lack both musical and emotional depth. I suppose if you're brain dead or just don't like to think too hard, you might enjoy this CD ... maybe.

The only plus to this album is the first track, "Ladidi Ladida." It's just downright dirty, bubbling over with sexual innuendoes. With lyrics like "Baby you can touch my ... if I can get a taste of your," it would catch any warm-blooded mammal's attention. However, those three minutes are hardly worth the torture and cost of the rest of the album.

I give it a, uh, nothing. I give it nothing.



Chainsaw Kittens • "The All American Chainsaw Kittens" (Four Alarm)

This album again proves that just because you can't sing doesn't mean you can't be a singer. Lead singer Tyson Meade sounds different, really different.

Overall, the album is bursting with character. With the help of Tyson's voice and lyrical topics like gymnasts and teen idols doing acid, the listener is sure to find something of interest. It is very piano-heavy, adding to the mellow tone of the music.

This is the fifth album for indie-rock group The Chainsaw Kittens. It is unlikely to be the last. The album deserves a 5 out of 10 because of its originality, but overall, it's not really that good.



Chante Moore • "Exposed" (MCA)

She's back and she's bitter. This album is Moore's attempt to explore her "deeper" side and it is oh-so-very R&B. As a result, the album can be overly repetitive and there is always that background choir effect going on. Sometimes it's like she is doing call and response with herself. She must be a very lonely girl. Some of the songs are about how much in love she is and then all of a sudden she'll do a total 180 and hate the world. Some of the ballads are sung so beautifully but are ruined by the horrendous lyrics. On the upside, "Exposed" is catchy, and has a diverse use of vocals throughout the album.

Every R&B fan should take a listen to this one, but everyone else steer clear. That in mind, I give it a 7 out of 10.



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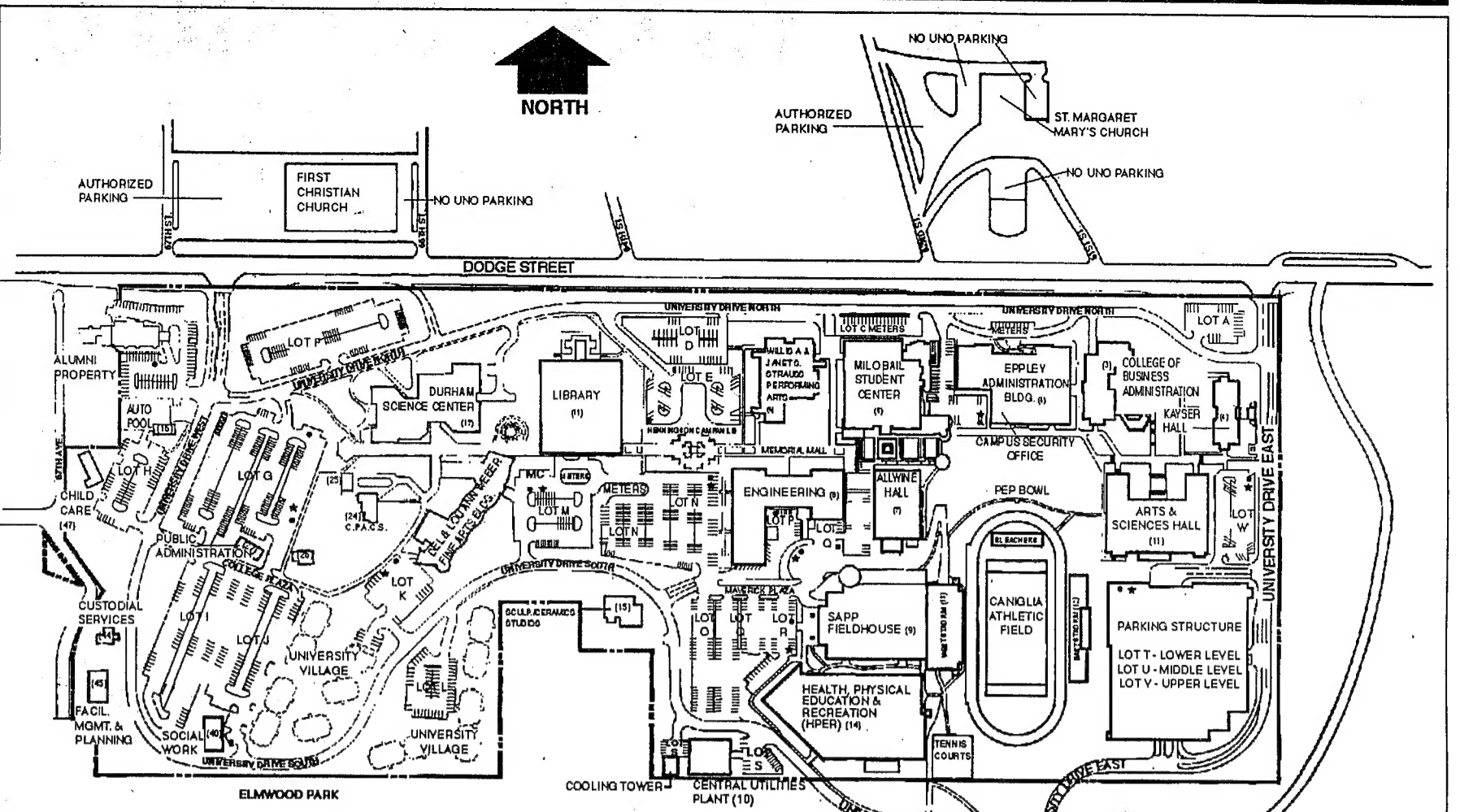
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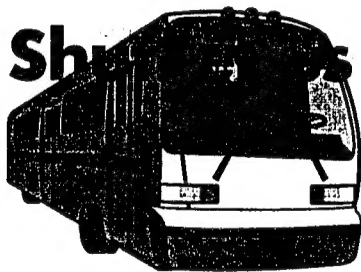
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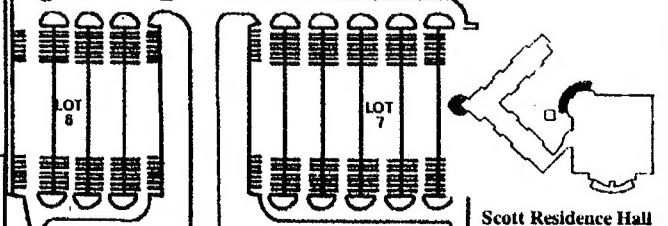
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Domination continues: Denney's wrestlers finish strong at Brand Open

Melissa Kucirek

Head Coach Mike Denney's UNO wrestlers continued to prove why they are ranked No. 1 in NCAA Division II wrestling.

UNO had six wrestlers finish as champions in the Glen Brand Open, held Jan. 6 at Sapp Fieldhouse. Seventeen teams, as well as a number of unattached wrestlers, competed at the national event.

Senior Scott Antoniak championed at 184 pounds and was named the tournament's outstanding wrestler. Antoniak, a three-time All-American, improved his record to 17-4 by defeating University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Travis Pascoe 2-1 in a riveting double-overtime saga.

Senior Mack LaRock finished the day with a pristine record and championship at 125 pounds. The All-American LaRock vanquished University of Northern Iowa's Tyler Hubbard 7-1.

Mav sophomore Roderick Ratcliff faced teammate Eli Dominguez in the 133-pound championship. Ratcliff prevailed 5-3.

Co-champions and teammates Cody Ritter and Kasey Kohl both took accolades at 141 pounds.

Ritter wracked up points in his semifinal win, going 15-0 in the first period.

"I was just trying to score as many points as possible," Ritter said. "I used cheap tilts."

Mav junior and Howells, Neb. native Kurt Bohaboj proved himself at 165 pounds. Bohaboj took a 3-1 decision against Missouri's Tyron Woodley.

Mav heavyweight Lance Tolstedt took advantage of a Huron wrestler's weak spot in a semifinal win. The Huron wrestler, in his first meet since football season's

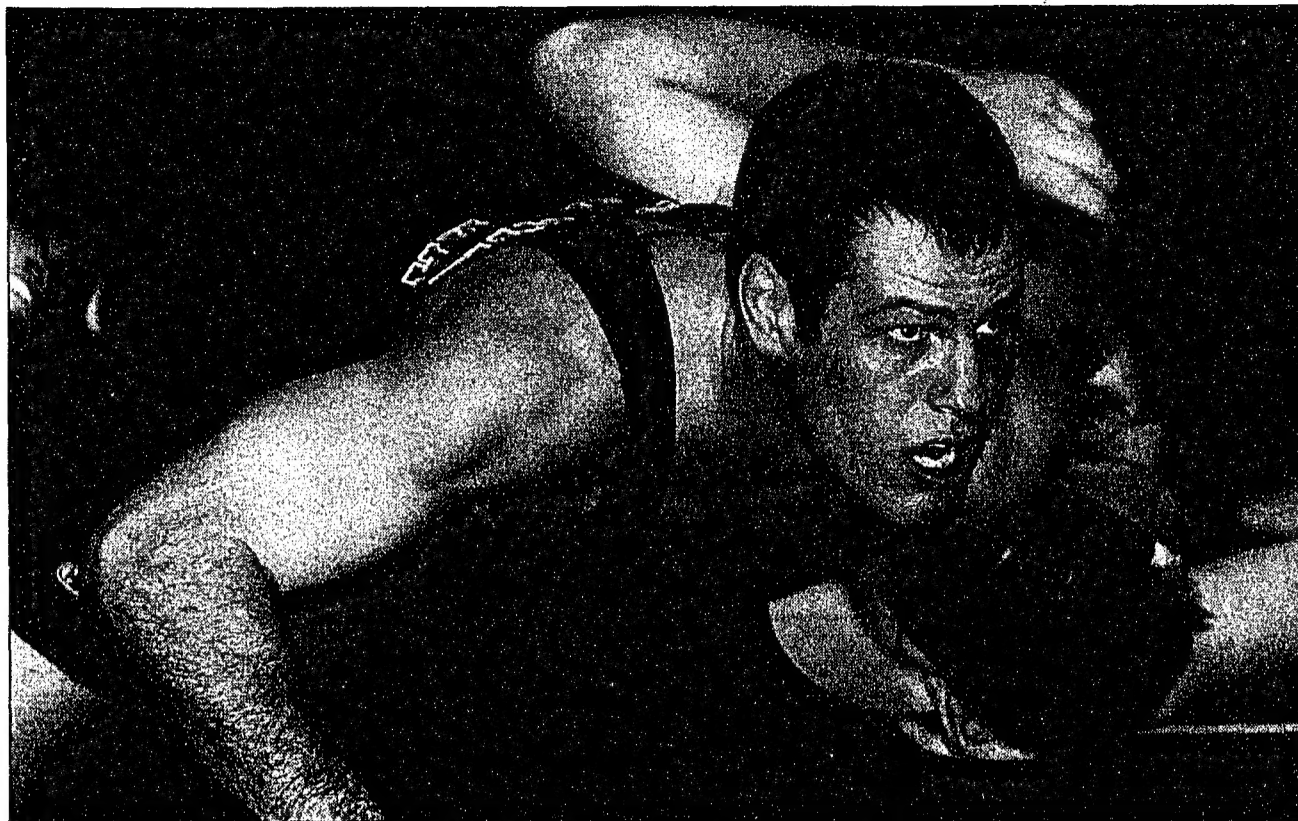


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UNO's Scott Antoniak wrestles Dana College's Ryan Uhing during Saturday's action.

conclusion, didn't match up with Tolstedt's wrestling physique.

"He was big, and in bad shape," Tolstedt said after his 5-2 win. "My game plan was to wear him out. He was leaning forward a lot and I just snapped him down."

Tolstedt finished the evening with silver medal after a 15-4 loss to Missouri's Kevin Herron in the championship match.

UNO's John Mitchell (149 pounds)

tried gallantly to make a comeback against Wyoming's Andrew Shuler in his semifinal match. Mitchell fought both Shuler and a neck injury. Wincing in pain and time running out, Mitchell's docile jabs fell short.

"That match compounded a previous neck injury," Mitchell said. "I feel like I let a lot of people down. I should have won. I shouldn't have been thinking about the pain."

Shuler noted Mitchell's ailing neck, but still recognized the quickness of the sophomore Mav.

"I just tried to stay away from his low shots," Shuler said.

The other Maverick placings were senior Renard Terrell, taking third-place honors at 133 pounds, and sophomore Zach Stalder, who finished third at 174 pounds with a 2-1 decision over Ek Waldhaus of Wyoming.

Lineup shakeup can't wake up Mavs

Cory Carlson

UNO was winless over the holiday break and had a game postponed due to weather. The game against Wayne State on Dec. 18 has been rescheduled for Jan. 16. Head Coach Kevin Lehman was forced to use various lineups due to nagging injuries, illnesses and inconsistent play.

Bellevue 68-59 OT UNO

The 4-8 NAIA Bruins ended UNO's finals week on a sour note winning the first game in the series.

BU outscored UNO 13-4 in the first overtime game this season for both teams. The Bruin bench was the difference, outscoring UNO 27-6.

Junior forward Al Lainio registered a double-double, scoring 15 points while swiping 10 rebounds. Sophomore Dan Morrow struggled, hitting just 1-10 from the floor, including 1-9 from behind the arc.

It was the last non-conference opponent of the season for UNO and put the Mavs 5-3 heading into the thick of NCC play.

North Dakota 72-61 UNO

UNO looked sluggish playing in its first game in 14 days following the Dec. 18 postponement Wayne State game. The 9-1 Fighting Sioux's only loss this year was at the hands of Division I Kansas. UND jumped out to a 30-23 lead at the break, and never looked back. They were led by guard Tom Jacobson with 19 points, including 3-5 from three-point land.

The Mavs got 15 points and five assists from sophomore guard Seth Nelson who came off the bench in the loss.

UND shot 50 percent for the game while holding the Mavs to just 40 percent from the floor.

North Dakota State 76-69 UNO

UNO's record fell to the .500 mark at 5-5 in a seven-point loss at Sapp Fieldhouse on Dec. 30.

The Mavs couldn't find an answer for NDSU guard Joe Hedin who scored 24 points, swiped 11 rebounds and was a perfect 10-10 from the charity stripe.

Sophomore guard Seth Nelson enjoyed continued success off the bench, scoring 24 points of his own to go with his three assists.

Despite just six turnovers for UNO in the game, NDSU was able to extend their record to 9-2, 2-2 in NCC play.

Morningside 67-60 UNO

Sophomore guard Seth Nelson started out his red-hot weekend matching his career-high with 25 points, including 5-7 from behind the three-point arc.

The Mavs suffered their first conference road loss of the year while Morningside improved to 9-4 overall, 3-2 in the Conference.

UNO turned the ball over 21 times. UNO attempted no 3-point shots in the second half, despite hitting 7-18 in the first half.

The Mustangs got 19 points each from Matt Schneiderman and Derek Paben.

South Dakota 83-70 UNO

UNO fell behind 42-28 at the break and couldn't recover down the stretch. The Coyotes shot 49 percent from the floor, and were led by Paul Marshall's 33 points, including 7-15 from three-point land.

UNO did get a career-high 28 points from guard Seth Nelson to go with his four assists and five steals.

The Mavs were out-rebounded 40-28 and shot just 42 percent for the game.

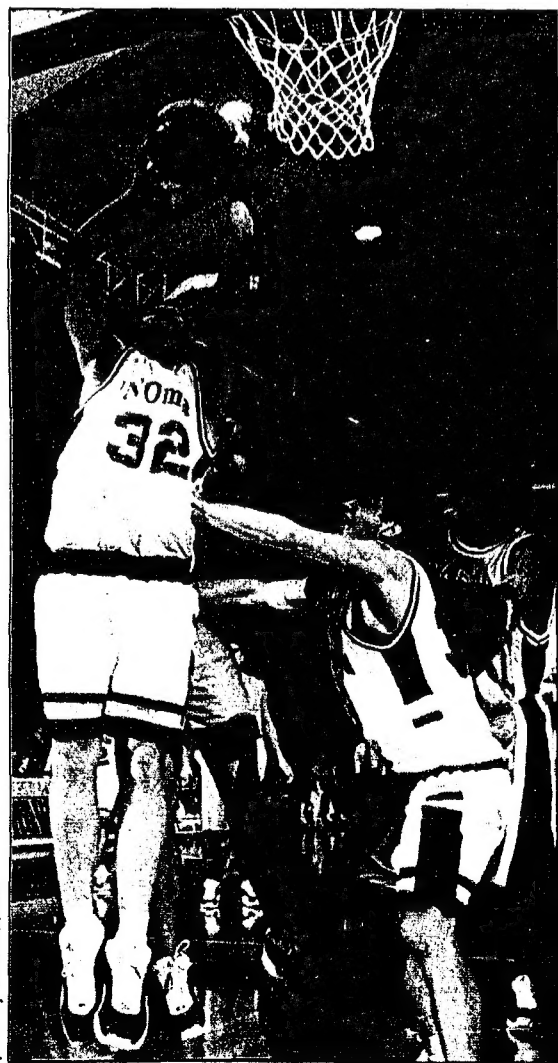


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Alan Lainio goes up for a layup against Northern Colorado during the holiday break.

Former star Jenkins sets NFL records

David M. Johnson

Former UNO player MarTay Jenkins may have been the lone bright spot on an otherwise lackluster 3-13 Arizona Cardinals team.

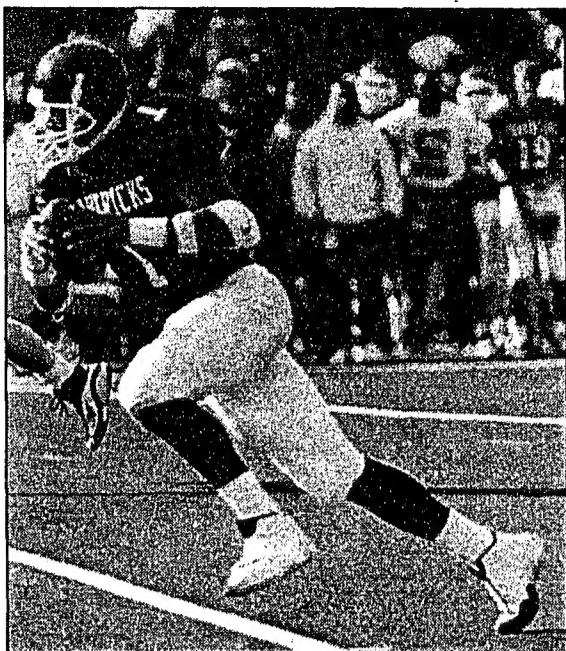
In only his second year in professional football, Jenkins not only broke the National Football League records for kickoff returns and return yardage — he obliterated it. This was certainly a testimony not only to Jenkin's speed and skill, but also to a Cardinals team which was scored upon with great regularity.

Jenkins' 82 kickoff returns and 2,186 kickoff return yards are now both records in the NFL books. The previous records were held by New Orleans' Tyrone Hughes, who returned 70 kickoffs for 1,771 yards in 1996.

Limited not just to returning kickoffs, Jenkins also hauled in 17 receptions for 219 yards, and returned one punt for one yard.

While at UNO, Jenkins led the Mavericks in receiving in both 1996 and 1998, his best game coming against North Dakota in 1996 when he accounted for 166 yards receiving (fifth highest in school history). He is the last Mav to return a kickoff for a touchdown, scrambling 89 yards for the score against Morningside on Nov. 7, 1998.

Originally drafted in the sixth round by the Dallas Cowboys in April 1999, Jenkins was put on waivers at the end of the exhibition season and picked up by Arizona.



Jenkins during his days as a UNO player.

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From the Sports Desk

by David Johnson



The Forgotten Pro

We sing the praises of MarTay Jenkins of the Arizona Cardinals and pray for more playing time for Chris Bober with the New York Giants in the National Football League.

We rally around former UNO greats like Ed Thompson, Dan Potmesil and Vong Xaykoso of the Omaha Beef as they race around the floor of the Civic Auditorium.

We think back to the days when players like Marlin Briscoe, Ron Sayers, Phil Wise, Danny Fulton, Rod Kush and Bill and Bob Danenhauer left the sidelines of Al. F Caniglia Field for the gridirons of greatness.

There is one other player, still active but rarely mentioned, who has played in 115 professional football games and has accounted for 8,740 total yards.

His name is Robert Gordon.

Gordon left UNO in 1990 after posting the second best single-season receiving mark in Maverick football history — 72 catches for 1,062 yards. He finished his career third on the all-time receiving list with 2,182 yards.

The Detroit, Mich., native spent the summer of 1990 in the Pittsburgh

Steelers camp, but opted instead for a free agent contract with the Ottawa Rough Riders of the Canadian Football League. Released in October of 1992, Gordon stayed north of the border, signing on with the Toronto Argonauts. He was subsequently traded to the British Columbia Lions in 1995, then back to the Ottawa Rough Riders in 1996 where he posted a 1,049-yard reception, eight touchdown performance.

The Edmonton Eskimos picked Gordon in the 1997 Dispersal Draft, and after another 1,000-yard season he was granted free-agency status. Gordon failed to sign with another Canadian team and spent the 1998 season in Florida with the Orlando Predators of the Arena League.

Posting the second-highest reception, receiving yards and touchdown totals in Predator history, Gordon once again flew north, this time to play for the Winnipeg Blue Bombers. He saw action in 15 of Winnipeg's 18 games in 1999. Still, his ability to catch and run with the pigskin saw him in placed in the season's top 10 in both receptions and yards in the CFL.

His impact upon the 7-10-1 Blue Bombers brought praise from all quarters. Paul Friesen, sports writer for the Winnipeg Sun, lists the signing of Robert Gordon to a new contract one of his top 10 wishes for the new year. At 15.0 yards-per-catch average and 34 career scores, I would think the resigning of Gordon should be paramount.

You know, you may have seen Robert Gordon play and not even know it ... he had a role in Oliver Stone's "On Any Given Sunday."

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sports series

From devastation to victory: Wrestler Les Sigman

a three-part series
Melissa Kucirek

Not only has UNO wrestler Les Sigman astounded opponents, he's left his coaches shaking their heads in wonder at just how tough he really is.

How tough is Sigman? Assistant Coach Ron Higdon remembers seeing large, steel staples in Sigman's leg after emergency surgery last year on Labor Day.

"He pulled the staples out himself," Higdon said.

Sigman was suffering from compartment syndrome and underwent a procedure to remove the anterior muscle in his lower leg.

Compartment syndrome occurs when any of the four compartments in the leg (anterior, lateral, superficial posterior and posterior) incur an increased pressure buildup. Each compartment is bounded by bone and facial covering.

"Facial tissue is like Saran Wrap," UNO Assistant Athletic Trainer Chad Kinart said.

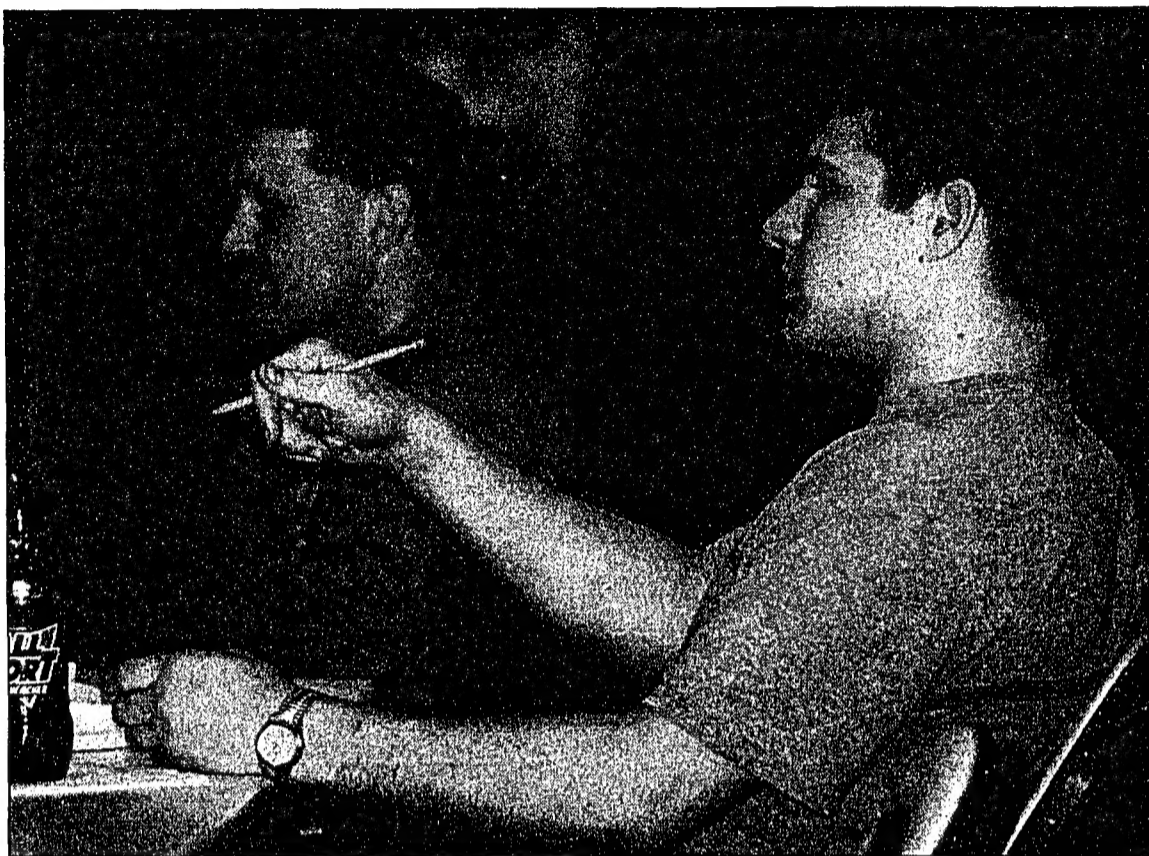
One compartment's nerves and blood flow are cut off because of increasing pressure. The muscle dies if treatment is not sought.

There are two types of compartment syndrome: acute and chronic. Acute compartment syndrome, common among participants in contact sports, may result from bruising, contusions or broken bones. It can also be caused by a surgical procedure gone awry, or when a dressing or splint is left too tight. Emergency surgery is often the result.

"If immediate treatment is not sought, permanent foot drop may result," Kinart said.

Chronic compartment syndrome builds up over a longer period of time and is common among cross country and track athletes.

Sigman developed the acute version and went to UNO athletic trainer Paul Westerberger for help.



Les Sigman helps out with the Glen Brand Open by timing matches.

photo by Chris Machian

"He could only come up with that he had fallen hard to the ground," Westerberger said. "He continued training and the inflammation to the tissue caused increased pressure to his compartment."

By the time Sigman presented to the training staff, he could no longer move his foot vertically and was in severe pain.

"It keeps you up at night," Westerberger said. "You definitely wouldn't be able to sleep through it."

Emergency fasciotomy surgery was needed. Doctors tested the pressure, comparing it to Sigman's opposite leg. Findings showed damage to the peroneus longus muscle in the anterior portion of Sigman's leg.

"They cut out a piece of that muscle and left what they hope will regenerate over time," Westerberger

said. "Two days later they went back in to see if any had regenerated. They cut out whatever muscle was not responding."

The majority of Sigman's calf muscle was then gone. Rehabilitation was focused on teaching the other muscles to perform the peroneus longus muscle's job.

"He's what we would call a miracle case," Westerberger said.

Find out next Tuesday what Sigman is doing to rehabilitate after his remarkable surgery, and why the UNO training and wrestling staff members are continually amazed at his progress and determination.

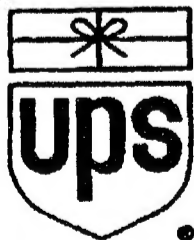
The third installment of Sigman's story will illustrate his prowess in wrestling competitions.

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Sweet home Alabama | Mavericks win Alabama-Huntsville tourney

Brian Brashaw

The UNO Mavericks hockey team (11-10-1) brought home some first-place hardware, winning the Alabama-Huntsville Holiday Tournament over the break. Thus completed is a soap opera finale to the first half of the year.

When we last left the Maverick hockey team, it was about to square off with the Fighting Irish in the last home series of 2000. Let's check the progress:

It was a cold and snowy weekend in Omaha — perfect for hockey. The most fabled team in university lore was came town to face off with the newcomers to the college hockey realm. Each team — the Notre Dame Fighting Irish and the UNO Mavericks — had its night, although Notre Dame goalie Jeremiah Kimento played the lead role in both episodes.

The Mavericks came out strong Dec. 19, firing on Kimento early and often. UNO even had a couple breakaway chances stoned in the period. But the first period still ended with no score.

It was the type of game decided by a lucky bounce. That is exactly what the Mavericks got 10:10 into the second period. James Chalmers took credit for the game's only goal.

Kimento was tested with a number of breakaways and odd-man rushes and came up on the positive end every time, but when the buzzer sounded it was UNO's Dan Ellis who recorded the shutout. UNO took two points with the 1-0 win.

The Dec. 20 game was completely different. Notre Dame found its scoring niche, racking up seven goals for the first time this season to gain a 7-3 victory. The loss was UNO's first home conference loss of the season. Irish winger Dan Carlson earned himself a hat trick.



UNO's David Brisson gets tripped up by Notre Dame's Neil Komadoski.

Now comes southern-fried hockey.

UNO traveled to Alabama-Huntsville Dec. 29 to spend a weekend in the SCI Holiday Shootout. The Mavs' first opponent was the last place team in Hockey East, the Massachusetts-Lowell River Hawks.

The Mavericks busted out of the stable early, scoring two first-period goals. UNO added one in the second before the River Hawks mounted a comeback. Mass-Lowell pulled within one goal, but fell behind again and eventually lost to UNO 5-2. Allan Carr scored two goals and assisted on a Greg Zanon goal to give him a three-point evening.

In the other semifinal, Canisius beat host Alabama-Huntsville to set the

championship fight.

In the championship game, UNO again scored early. Jason Cupp scored at the 1:14 mark to give the Mavs the early lead. Canisius tied the game late in the first period, but relinquished two more goals. Allan Carr and David Brisson both scored to secure the program's inaugural first-place finish.

Ellis was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player, stopping 53 of 56 shots. Ellis was also named CCHA Rookie of the Week for his efforts.

The Mavericks took last weekend off to prepare for a home series with nemesis Bowling Green, which comes to town Jan. 12-13. The games will be played at the Civic Auditorium at 7:05 p.m.

(left) Notre Dame's Evan Nielsen tries to prevent UNO's Allan Carr from advancing the puck.



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Women's basketball team turns conference corner

Cory Carlson

The holidays began to look like a dressed turkey for Head Coach Lisa Carlsen's crew, but New Year's resolutions for better play produced a pair of North Central Conference road wins as the break wound down. UNO now stands at 4-9 on the year, 2-3 in the NCC.

While you were away:

Truman State 80-68 UNO

The Mavs recorded some terrific individual offensive performances, but the defense couldn't hold the visiting 5-3 Truman State squad Dec. 17 at the Sapp Fieldhouse. Freshman forward Erin Wessling (Vinton-Shellsburgh H.S., Iowa) tallied a career-high 17 points, while sophomore Tanya Hammes recorded yet another double-double (10 points, 11 rebounds). Junior shooting guard Jennifer Mitchell added 14 points, and moved into second place on the UNO career three-point list, draining her 100th try.

North Dakota 70-61 UNO

Undefeated 11-0 North Dakota opened the scoring floodgates, getting 23 points from Theresa LeCuyer and 21 from Mandy Arndtson in a 70-61 win over the Mavericks at the Sapp Fieldhouse Dec. 29.

Four Mavs tallied in double figures, including Erin Wessling who put up another 17-point performance. Jennifer Mitchell added 11, while sophomore guard Andi Sutherland and junior center Anne Bomstad each had 10 points.

The difference came in the paint where the Fighting Sioux out-scored UNO 40-28 and out-rebounded the home team 54-36.

North Dakota State 77-54 UNO

The 13-1 Bison came out gunning on Dec. 30 shooting 51.6 percent from the field in the first half, and taking a 38-25

lead at the break. NDSU was led by forward Jamie Berry, swiping ten rebounds (all on the defensive side) and tallying 19 points.

The Mavs perimeter defense was solid, sholding NDSU to 4-21 from behind the arc. Junior guard Jennifer Mitchell was red-hot, dropping 23 points, including 5-9 from three-point land. The Bison were virtually mistake-free in the game, turning the ball over just 10 times.

UNO 81-65 Morningside

The 3-10 Mustangs couldn't find an answer for UNO sophomore center Tanya Hammes. Hammes lit up the scoreboard at Allee Gymnasium in Sioux City, totaling a career-high 27 points, 11 rebounds and four blocked shots.

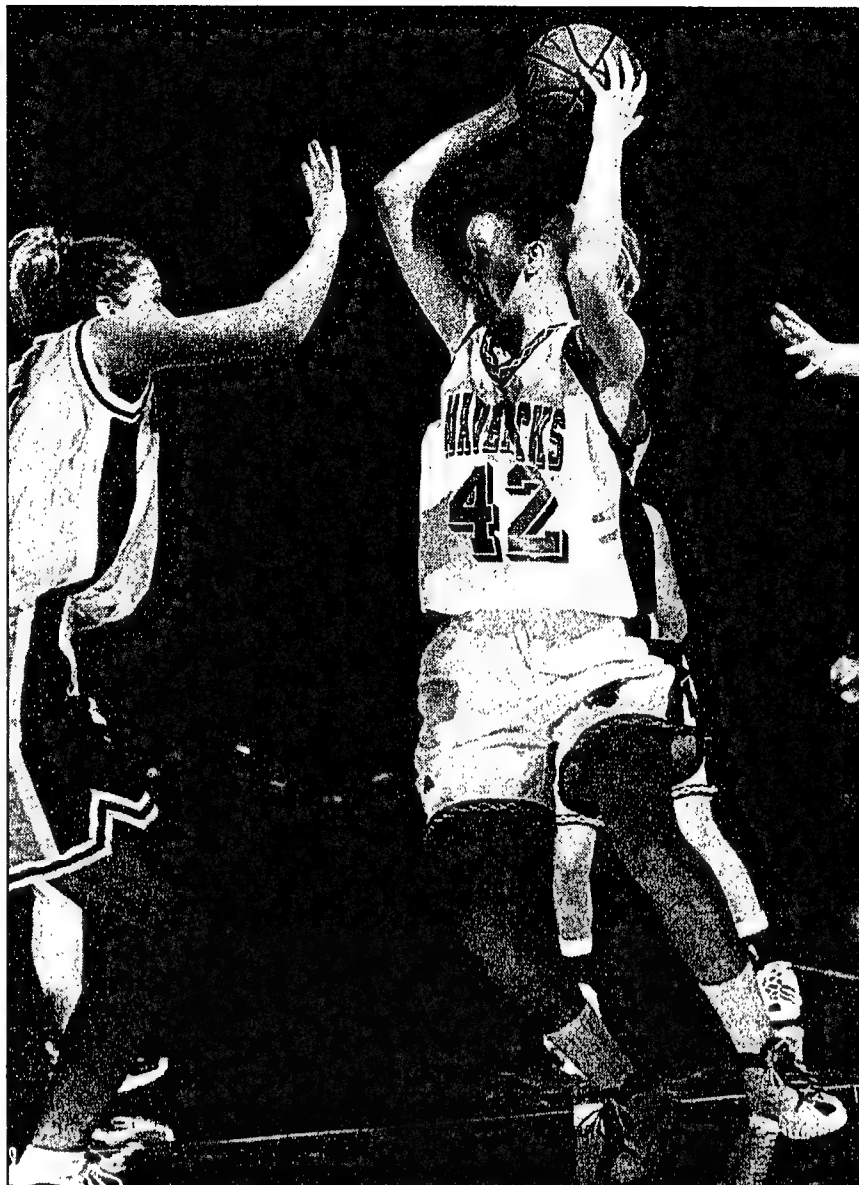
The Mavs jumped out to a 36-28 halftime advantage and never looked back. Four players scored in double figures to lead UNO to their first road win to start the new year. UNO caused 24 turnovers and shot 53 percent from the field. The cellar-dweller Mustangs are now 0-23 in NCC play over the past two years.

UNO 81-76 South Dakota

UNO put together back-to-back wins for the first time this season with a five-point road victory against South Dakota.

Junior guard Jennifer Mitchell tallied a double-double with 21 points and 10 assists. Mitchell was 6-11 from the floor, including 5-10 from behind the three-point arc. Sophomore guard Andi Sutherland matched Mitchell with a career-high 21 points.

The Mavs took a 40-35 halftime lead. That turned out to be the difference. UNO shot 50 percent from the floor for the second straight game and pushed their record to 2-3 in NCC Conference play.



Tanya Hammes looks to pass the ball during a recent game. The sophomore scored 10 points and 11 rebounds against Truman State Dec. 17.

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Swimmers salvage silver

Brian Brashaw

The UNO swimming and diving team finished second to Truman State at the second annual UNOmaha Invitational held Dec. 15-17. Truman State dunked the competition, scoring 1,082.5 points, while UNO racked up 387 points. Northern Colorado finished third with 379 points.

Junior Jamie Haferbier established a new school record during the meet, cruising through the 100-yard breaststroke in a first-place finish time of 1:08.05. That time qualifies Haferbier for the NCAA Division II National Championships to be held March 14-17 in Canton, Ohio.

Not one to sit on her laurels, Haferbier's 24.47-second effort in the 50-yard freestyle earned her a trip to the national championships for that event as well. The Northwest High graduate also placed second in the 100-yard freestyle (54.06) and the 200-yard breaststroke (2:26.58).

Junior Aja Wurth qualified for the national meet with excellent performances in both the 1-meter and 3-meter dives. Her 398.45 points in the 1-meter event was good for second place, while her 419.00 effort in the 3-meters took home bronze.

Other performances of note included a silver for the UNO 200-yard freestyle relay team (Haferbier, Kristy Malone, Aimee Lafave and Trina Larson), bronze for the UNO 800-yard freestyle relay team (Haferbier, Stacey Cook, Breann Haney and anchored by Malone), and fourth place finishes for the Mavericks in the 200-yard medley (Jodie Haferbier, Lafave, Kim Ferris and Larson). The 400-yard freestyle relay team of Cook, Haferbier, Larson and Malone also finished fourth.

The UNOmaha Invite hosted six women's teams and four men's teams. Truman State also won the men's team competition.

UNO will host the University of Nebraska at Kearney on Jan. 11. This will be the second meeting of the teams this



Steph Patterson backstrokes down the pool during the UNO season. The Mavericks defeated UNK 176-62 in the Lopers' pool on Nov. 10.

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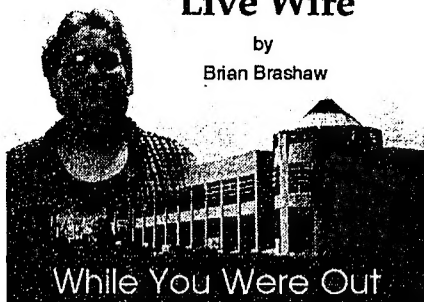
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Live Wire

by
Brian Brashaw

While You Were Out

Can anyone believe it is actually 2001? What, no flying cars? No floating homes? No lunar colony? I'm unimpressed. Good thing there are a lot of newsworthy happenings in the world of sports to keep me grounded.

To bring in the new year, I figured I would catch you up to speed.

Super Mario 2

Mario Lemieux has officially returned to the National Hockey League. In his first three games he has obliterated any doubts he could still play. Lemieux racked up three goals and six assists those three games on the ice, and now has people in Pittsburgh buzzing about what this could mean come playoff time for the previously struggling Penguins.

Super Bowl Bound?

The National Football League playoffs are upon us, and already my preseason prediction is impossible. I picked the Colts over the Vikings in the Super Bowl. Well, the Vikes are all I have left. Looks as if the Colts are about one or two defensive stars short of the Lombardi Trophy.

And what's up with the National Football Conference? If there is anyone who can prove to me they picked the Saints, Eagles, Giants and Vikings as the NFC final four, I'll hand over my life savings. I'll throw in an extra nickel to make it an even dollar.

New prediction — Vikings over Titans. Tennessee falls three feet short again, because Randy Moss is tall.

The Who Cares.com Bowl

Did anyone really honestly watch any of the bowl games besides the four BCS Bowls? Not only am I tired of watching teams with 6-5 records "earn" trips to Hawaii, but I'm getting fed up with all these

names ... the Galleryfurniture.com Bowl. Are you serious?

More proof nobody cares — the attendance was so bad for the Aloha Bowl between Arizona State and Boston College, the only people to see the game live were those waiting to participate in the halftime show. Either that or a lot of Hawaiians came dressed as orange and yellow folding chairs. You know a bowl game I would watch? The Winless Bowl. Two teams without a win battle it out to determine the worst team in the nation.

By the way, I predicted a Nebraska national championship. Yeah, that won't happen again.

Merry Christmas to Me

Taking a look back on my Christmas wish list, I would say it was a good holiday. The hockey team defeated Canisius of Buffalo, NY to win the SCI Holiday Shootout, proving once again, Buffalo can't buy a championship in anything.

Also, that co-worker of mine who keeps talking about the "Raider Mystique," he's no longer with the company!

Unfortunately LaDanian Tomlinson of Northwestern did not win the Heisman, but fortunately those aging Seminoles didn't win the national championship.

Defeating the Purpose

The Omaha Golden Spikes have lost their namesake, not that it was a good name to begin with. Union Pacific Railroad, which owns 50 percent of the team is putting its interest up for sale. Correct me if I'm wrong, but isn't the reason the team is called the Golden Spikes in honor Union Pacific's ownership?

So, if say The Henry Doorly Zoo was to buy the team, they could be called the Opossums. After all, every time the team goes on the road, they get killed. Not much would change, I guess.

New Year's Resolution

I resolve not to bleach my hair. Period, plain and simple. Every single person has some kind of frost, beach bum, flare thing going. Not happening with me. Someone else that should take this advice, Tiger Woods. Yes, we all saw you with that Dennis Rodman look going with the snow white hair. Stop it.

Until next time, when we discuss usefulness of a five iron as a defense mechanism.

Peanut Gallery

• The UNO vs. Wayne State men's basketball game originally scheduled for Dec. 18 was postponed due to inclement weather and was re-scheduled for Jan. 16. Tip-off at the Sapp Fieldhouse will be 7:30 p.m.

• Props to UNO defensive end Chris Cooper who was named to the 2000 Associated Press Little All-America second team and to Mav defensive back Chad Geiger who made the third team All-America list. Cooper led the Mavericks with 11 sacks for minus 75 yards. He also recorded 44 tackles (20 for losses of minus 96 yards), forced two fumbles and recovered four fumbles. Geiger tallied 62 tackles, defended 16 passes and intercepted four passes, bringing those back for 89 yards.

• Props to UNO outside hitter Tracy Ankeny who was named to the Daktronics Division II All-NCC Volleyball First Team and the Daktronics Division II National Second Team.

• Props to UNO hockey netminder Dan Ellis who was named Central Collegiate Hockey Association Rookie of the Week for the last week of December. Ellis stopped 53 of 56 shots on goal at the SCI Holiday Shootout in Huntsville, Ala.,

while leading the Mavs to a 5-2 win over Massachusetts-Lowell and a 3-1 win over Canisius.

• Overstating The Obvious: ESPN's Pam Ward, referring to the University of Cincinnati's linebacker Troy Evans, uttered the following ... "In four short years he's gone from being a walk-on to being a senior."

• The final American Football Coaches Association Division II Poll put the UNO Mavericks football team No. 6 in the nation, finishing with an 11-2 record. Delta State, Miss., which defeated Bloomsburg, Pa., 63-34 in the Division II championship game, earned the top spot.

• UNO assistant women's soccer coach Mikki Denny will be leaving the school to take the assistant coaching position at the University of Missouri in Columbia, Mo.

• The Suffolk County Bowls Association in England is being sued by its players. The members are suing on the basis of sex discrimination after the board refused to allow one of the players, Carol Bond, to wear trousers. The 80-year old rule says women players "must wear regulation gray skirts."



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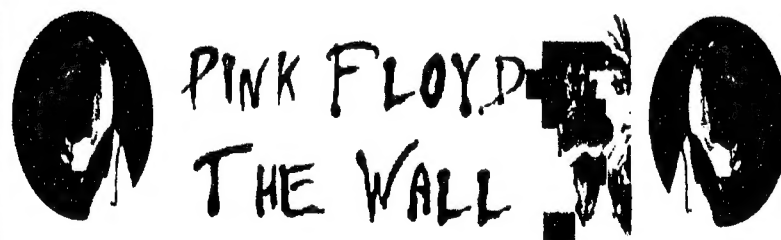
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Ankeny best female athlete



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Michelle Ankeny goes for the spike in a recent game.

Senior Tracy Michelle Ankeny has earned virtually every sports honor a Division II athlete can achieve, so it should come as no surprise she is named Gateway's Female Athlete of the Year 2000.

This three-time All-American is one of the premier outside hitters in the nation, possessing a howitzer for a right arm and quickness which often defies the physical laws of nature. Those two attributes lend credence to the record-setting statistics she put up in her four years wearing the Maverick colors: 1,961 career kills (No. 1), 4,522 career attacks (No. 1) and 1,691 career digs (No. 2).

Ankeny, an exercise science major, also placed high on single match and single season statistical lists: seven of the top 10 individual single-match kills and total attacks marks, the third and sixth highest season kills totals, the third and eighth highest season attack totals and the 10th best digs season in UNO volleyball history all belong to the Dixon, Neb., native.

The greatest mark may be left in the win-loss column where she paced her teams to a 102-29 record.

Adam Wright best male athlete

Limited to just 9 1/2 games due to injury, senior Adam Wright nonetheless shattered most of UNO's football rushing records, while leading the Mavericks to an 11-2 mark and the North Central Conference Championship. He is our choice for the Gateway's Male Athlete of the Year 2000.

Rushing for a school record 3,926 career yards, Wright blew past the old record held by Ed Thompson, but it took a 165-yard effort against North Dakota on the final week of the regular season to set the new single-season mark. Finishing the year with 1,381 yards, he ran by Saul Ravenell's 1973 previous mark of 1,315 yards.

Add to that 242 yards rushing in career playoff action and 33 career touchdowns, and Adam Wright may

have established records not soon broken.

"Adam was one of our first major recruits," Head Coach Pat Behrns said. "I cannot think of another person more deserving of this award. His

performance as a player, a student and as a man has left a great impact upon this team."

Wright is an Omaha native, an Omaha North High School grad and is a civil engineering major at UNO.

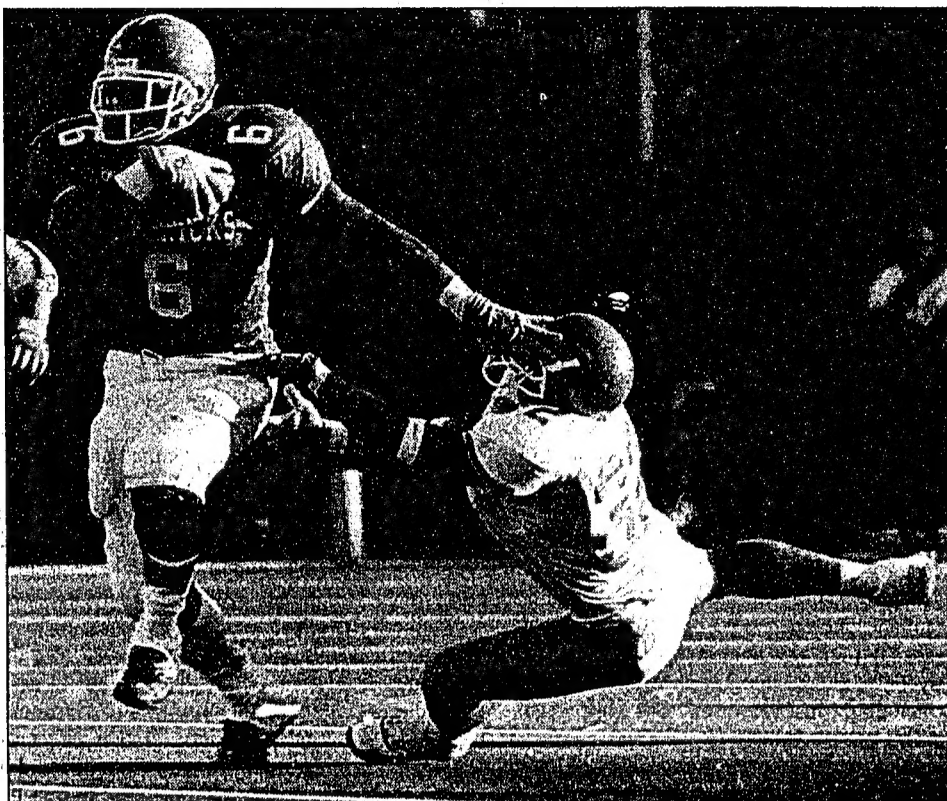


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Wright denies an opponent during a run for the touchdown. He broke the UNO rushing record with 3,926 yards.

Tostenson named coach of the year

In just her first season holding the reins of the UNO softball team, Jeanne Tostenson guided her squad to a 52-14 record and the North Central Conference championship. None is more worthy of the title of Gateway Coach of the Year 2000.

It is not easy replacing a coaching legend such as Mary Yori (459-158 at UNO), but this Mankato, Minn., native and former assistant coach at the University of Illinois-Chicago stepped into the fire and forged yet another spectacular Maverick season.

"I cannot say enough about the job our assistant coaches did here at UNO," Head Coach Tostenson said. "Michala Lehotak and Cory Petermann smoothed the transition between the 1999 team and the 2000 team. This should really be a Coaching Staff of the Year honor."

Although she was given a very experienced team, Coach Tostenson's task was not without its ups and downs. The team's leading hitter suddenly left the squad after just a few games and Krista Unger, a relatively unknown quantity as a freshman, was thrown into the mix as the team's starting ace.

"Expectations were very high for this team," Tostenson said. "There were some bumpy roads at the beginning, but our assistant coaches provided the leadership we needed to excel."

Coach Tostenson's UNO Mavericks finished the season fourth in the NCAA Division II regionals. Her



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Tostenson congratulates a player as she crosses the plate.

52 wins were the second highest in school history, just behind the 55-11 1994 season of Mary Yori.

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Guilty pleasures: Slurping the candy of the soul

column by A.M. Renee

Welcome to the first foray into the dark, secretive and seductive world of the Guilty Pleasure. What exactly is a guilty pleasure? In contemporary nomenclature, it refers to those things we know are bad for us — the trash and sewage flowing through the streams of life, which we swallow with gusto. It might be that delicious Big Mac—weighing in at 560 calories and 32 grams of fat — or the night before a final exam spent at the bar, swilling rather than studying. For me, it's often entire meals composed of nothing but a can of Pringles (ridged, thank you) and sour cream.

However, for the purposes of this column, it will be that OTHER guilty pleasure: pop culture. Whether on a diet of bad films, hokey television shows, pulp magazines or trash novels, we are growing just as fat on reruns of Cheers as the nearest bag of Cheetos. The age of nostalgia perpetuated by all-'80s-weekends on local radio, Nick at Nite's TV Land, and a score of cable channels snapping up low cost syndication more often than not churns up some of the worst, not the best, that a decade has to offer. Thanks to recycling, Hollywood has had a banner year for the guilty pleasure: "Mission Impossible 2," "Charlie's Angels," "Shaft" ... need I say more?

A romantic such as myself prefers a few darker mental masturbations. I have been known to lurk about Hollywood Video on a Friday night, seeing exactly how many episodes of Dark Shadows I can suck down on a given weekend. Luckily, a fan of vampire lore will find no end of guilty pleasure to deny all knowledge of. My Anne Rice and Michael Romkey (look it up) books are hiding behind the more socially acceptable existentialist Albert Camus.

If plumbing the undead past doesn't yield enough, I can always count on Hollywood to keep pumping it out. "Wes Craven's Dracula 2000" promises to be a chuckling bloodbath, and Wesley Snipes is again donning that Batmanesque body armor for "Blade 2." I have been waiting less than patiently since the theatrical release of "American Psycho" for the wide release of "Shadow of the Vampire," which might just vault from the depths of guilt to a credible film.

My all-time vamp guilty pleasure has to be the film version of Anne Rice's "Interview With The Vampire."

Written and first published in 1976, the option to translate it to the silver screen had been sitting on Paramount's shelves for years, until purchased by Geffen and ultimately distributed by Warner Brothers. When originally written, Rice had envisioned the young Rutger Hauer — young before he beefed out and became "The Hitcher" — as Lestat and, brace yourself, John Travolta as Louis. Instead, nearly 20 years later, she got Tom Cruise and Brad Pitt. She publicly denounced their casting, and has had the gall to wonder why she was barred from any further involvement in production. It is not a far reach — a writer with the

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international following of Rice could have easily killed the career of an unknown actor counting on this film for his debut. Her appearance on the videocassette release of "Interview" seems to be a hasty clean-up job to make up for how foolish she looked to the eye of world media. However, I digress.

Best Picture material, it is not ... but then I scarcely think it was trying to be. Still, this product from the director of "The Crying Game" and "Michael Collins" could have been a little less of a fairy tale. From the moment Pitt opens his mouth to speak, I have to suppress my giggles.

Example: "Most of all I longed for death. I know that now. I invited it. A release from the pain of living. My invitation was open to anyone. To the whore at my side, to the pimp that followed. But it was a vampire that accepted." This melodramatic droning throughout the film should win an award. But that is only to prime you for the greatest comedic role Tom Cruise ever took on in his career, that of Lestat. Just what exactly was that accent he was trying to go for? Rolling r's and lilting l's and not the least bit French, although Lestat is supposed to be Parisian.

Last but not least is the dreadful performance of Kirsten Dunst as little Claudia. Claudia, a vampire made in a child's body who would never grow into being a woman, could have been played brilliantly by Christina Ricci. Dunst, however, completely fumbles the role, although it is not entirely her fault. She was only 11 years old when filming began, and seemed to have a scarce understanding of the sex drive. Otherwise, how could she describe having to kiss Brad Pitt as "yucky" when her peers were plastering his picture all over their walls. Line after line, meant to be spoken by the psyche of an older woman, come out of her rather like the mechanical babbling of a doll with a pull string. Yes, she does have a few screaming fits, but any child can be provoked to scream in tantrum. And that's exactly how those fits came across.

Oh yeah ... there was one more thing, but it is just a general rule of music: NO ONE should play songs by the Rolling Stones except the Rolling Stones! Axl Rose, repeat after me: covering a great song does not make you a great musician. Besides, it would be more credible to the story if they had retained the Stone's version of "Sympathy for the Devil." Jagger and Richards might well "have been around since Jesus Christ was crowned." Rose cannot make the same claim.

So with all these criticisms (and I've barely scratched the surface) why does it occupy a permanent place in my video collection? Because I'm a sucker for anything remotely period, OK? Stick any actor into those lovely velvet and lace costumes, and I'm front row center. Guys with long, well-kept hair pique my curiosity. Further, if you get close to suggesting that two of Hollywood's most attractive leading men might have a yen for each other, you've reeled me in. Homoeroticism sells chicks. And I can swallow a great deal of melodrama. If I didn't, you wouldn't find that small collection of V.C. Andrews books right next to Anne Rice's, hidden behind all the Russian literature I had to read last term. Double stacking your paperbacks in a bookshelf not only creates extra storage capacity—it's a great way to hide your dirty little secrets.

Next installment: Speaking of homoeroticisms, why Hollywood loves to lead priests into temptation.

Hanks casts another movie towards the Oscars

Film Review by T.J. Accola

Would four years of solitary existence on a remote tropical island really be so bad these days? Surely there are more than a few people who would welcome such a getaway. A few years away from civilization and all of its troubling intricacies would undoubtedly change a person, be it for the better or worse. OK, so four years is perhaps a bit too long. The point is such an experience would obviously alter a person. Not only that, but upon returning to civilization, this person would find many changes occurred despite his or her absence. Such is the premise of "Cast Away."

Chuck Noland (Get it? No-land) is a workaholic troubleshooter for Federal Express. He has a longtime girlfriend, Kelly, who he is inexplicably not yet engaged to. Chuck's job requires a lot of globe-hopping and has caused him to develop an abnormal obsession with time. "May we never commit the sin of losing track of time," Chuck admonishes other FedEx employees.

A work assignment just before Christmas finds Chuck on a FedEx cargo plane flying through a tropical storm in the South Pacific. The plane crashes into the sea, killing the other few passengers, and leaving Chuck as the only survivor. When daylight arrives the next morning, Chuck finds himself stranded on a tropical island.

Chuck engages in activities that any half-normal person would likely do in such an event, all the while assuming he will soon be rescued. Days turn to weeks and weeks turn to months, and soon the words "Four Years Later" appear on the screen, followed by a shot of an unrecognizable Chuck as he spearfishes.

We soon find that Chuck has descended into near-lunacy. Who wouldn't descend into lunacy after four years alone on an island? Chuck soon resolves to escape his tropical prison by building a raft and heading out to sea. With Wilson, the volleyball he has fashioned into a pseudo-Friday in tow, Chuck braves the sea.

A while later, a cargo ship appears and Chuck begins his re-acclimation to civilization ... or so you would think. This should come as no surprise to anyone who has seen even the trailer for "Cast Away," but Chuck is reunited with Kelly. However, I will save the implications of this reunion for those who have not yet seen the film.

The problem with "Cast Away" is that the film falls victim to its own premise. The idea of a modern-day "Robinson Crusoe" and a realistic representation of how a person would adapt to such a situation is vastly intriguing and more than enough to occupy a two-hour film. However, director Robert Zemeckis ("Back to the Future," "Forrest Gump") and writer William Broyles Jr. ("Apollo 13") undertook the admirable concept of depicting Chuck's return to civilization. Properly handled, such a return could very well trump Chuck's time on the island. Unfortunately, Chuck's return seems tacked-on, unnecessary and ultimately somewhat disheartening.

Instead, it's Chuck's four years on the island that prove to save "Cast Away" from being a disappointment. Tom Hanks is generally regarded as one of today's greatest actors, but it's his credibility as an everyman that allows Hanks to succeed in "Cast Away." While watching

Chuck's trials and tribulations on the island, you can't help but wonder just what you would do if placed in Chuck's predicament. Ironically, that (and the mishandled last half-hour) is what prevents "Cast Away" from being a great movie. The suggestions and thought that "Cast Away's" premise invoke overshadow the actual story of Chuck.

Although it is heads above many other films this year, one can't help but wonder just how great "Cast Away" would have been had the creative forces behind the film delivered thoroughly. Instead of the home run that "Cast Away" had the potential to be, it seems only to be a triple — but a solid triple at that.

Grade: B

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3 pm Panhellenic
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